GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:541
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001
DEMAND OF CNG
SHYAMA SINGH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have recently declared that it would not be possible for them to cater to the growing demand of CNG in the capital;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government taken/propose to take up the matter with the Hon`ble Supreme Court to waive its restrictions on the compulsory use of CNG for commercial vehicles in the capital;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the alternative steps the Government propose to take to meet the crisis of CNG?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 541 FOR 30.08.2001 REGARDING DEMAND OF CNG

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The details of submissions made before the Supreme Court are annexed.

(d) A number of steps have been taken to augment the supply of CNG which, inter-alia, include the following:

- Orders have been placed for 14 higher capacity compressors of which 5 have been received and 9 are being air lifted.

- The total CNG stations would be increased to 87 by September 2001 as against 80 directed by the Supreme Court and to 94 by March 2002.

- The existing 39 daughter stations are proposed to be upgraded to daughter booster stations progressively by December 2001.

- Action has been initiated to lay 23 kms. long gas pipeline connecting Dhaula Kuan with GT Karnal Road at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 crores and is likely to be completed by March 2002.

In addition, 50 retail outlets have been identified for co-locating CNG dispensing facility